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Column One
By David Courtney

THE British Sunday newspapers are writing confidently of a general election in the autumn: the Sunday press, like the weekday papers, represents an eager galaxy of Tory opinion for the most part, which wants a general election and believes that any appeal to the country this year will catch the Labour Party on the wrong foot. The "Sunday Times," repeating the slogan of the Kemsley network of London and provincial newspapers, has decided that "Socialism's day is over and done with." It expects Britain's Labour Party to go the way of the Australian and New Zealand Labour parties and steadily to fall aimlessly, with the French and other Continental Socialists, into the perpetual doldrums. American commentators are also pretty sure that Labour's days are numbered. "People are beginning to see that apparently benevolent Leftism, like Professor Etienne Gilson's brand of neutralism, must be stamped out if European economy and European values are to survive," wrote an anonymous American in a leaflet recently distributed among the delegations to the European Assembly meeting at Strasbourg. Professor Gilson, incidentally, is the author of a famous series of "Neutralist" articles which appeared in "Le Monde" a year ago. He has been the subject of a ferocious witch-hunt, and has retired from the College de France to take up an academic post in Canada.

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FRENCH Neutralism and benevolent British Leftism (which ranges much wider and deeper than the Bevan group) are ranked with Communism as the main objective of the Rightist campaign. That campaign has been greatly reinforced by the $4.5 million budget (three times the amount given last year) of the E.C.A. publicity machine, which has been able to report to Congress that nine out of ten people in Western Europe are now reached each month by one or more of its media. In this way, what tendency there may be towards the Right is being systematically prodded, cajoled and dragooned in a manner and to an extent which cannot but damage the prospects of moderate Socialism even more than those of Communism, which is a tougher proposition altogether. There, fundamentally, lies the motive behind Bevan's so-called rebellion.

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THE defeat of the British Labour Party now, in general elections, would not only put the clock of British progress back: it would put back the world clock and probably stop it altogether. It would cast into the wilderness the only organized and powerful force still capable of producing an alternative to the respective systems of the two main world antagonisms, and still able to give effective substance to those moral and social checks which are all that stand today between us and the disaster of war. This is not an exaggeration. Britain may no longer be the Great Power, physically, she once was; but she is a greater power, in the moral and social sense, than ever before. Her Socialism may have been half-hearted, her foreign policy timid when not wrong-headed; but the effect has been to establish a set of national and even international values which cannot be ignored by the rest of the world, whether that rest of the world is classed as ally or potential enemy. Obviously, there is nothing exclusive or isolated in this fact. What is unique is that it is represented by a system of government in a country of immense resources and influence; and, as long as it is so represented, similar progressive forces elsewhere, in Europe, the Americas, and Asia, still may help to keep the international social and political balance at equilibrium.

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AMONG the Party intellectuals and even in the constituencies there is an awareness of this: in France, too, where a few independent newspaper, like the "Monde," "Esprit," and Sartre's "Temps Modern," no Socialist any of them, have shown some alarm at the prospect of a breakdown in British Socialism.

Tel Aviv, May 22.

Violence Feared In Iran Moslem Demonstration

TEHERAN, Monday. — Moslem religious leaders called tonight for a mammoth public demonstration tomorrow to protest against Anglo-American policy in Iran. Persians were urged to "express their hatred of interferences that violates our independence."

Prime mover behind the demonstration is gray-bearded Ayatullah Syedhabhani, the leading Moslem Mullah, who has threatened a "holy war" if the British resist the take-over plans.

So much heat has been generated in the last few days that some Western diplomats are concerned about possible violence. Officials of the British and American embassies have been warned by their Ambassadors to stay away from tomorrow afternoon's demonstration.

The government tonight rejected an American appeal for Anglo-Iranian negotiations to reach a friendly settlement of the oil nationalization crisis, describing it as "interference in the internal affairs of Iran."

The Majlis (lower house) planning committee has decided to employ eight foreign oil experts immediately to explore and exploit oilfields outside the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company concession area, Teheran radio said last night. It did not specify the nationality of these experts.

The morning paper, "Atesh," which supports the Prime Minister, today reported a rift in the cabinet because Dr. Mossadeq was not consulting his colleagues over the oil crisis. The paper said Mr. Mossadeq made all decisions afterwards obtaining the approval of the Oil Board for their execution.

Independent papers, "Dad" and "Tulu," reported that Dr. Mossadeq had made plans to change the governors of all the Persian provinces. Decrees appointing 12 new governors for provinces including the oil regions of Khuzistan and Kermanshah were issued last night.

(AP, Reuter)

U.K. Cabinet To Discuss Iran Oil

LONDON, Monday (Reuter). —Prime Minister Attlee has called a Cabinet meeting tomorrow to discuss the Persian oil nationalization crisis in the light of week-end developments. Mr. Attlee is personally directing British action in the absence of Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison, now visiting Germany.

No new British diplomatic action is expected until the Persian Government has replied to the note delivered to Teheran on Saturday. It was considered here that the reply might still be received before the Cabinet meeting.

Newspapers rallied behind the Government today in support of Saturday's "firm but friendly" note. "While the juridical position is beyond doubt and the Company and the British Government are right to stand upon it in law," "The Times" said, "other considerations, — economic and political — make it advisable that the agreement before it has run its 40 years should be modified in Persia's favour."

Morrison Satisfied With German Talks

BONN, Monday (Reuter). — Mr. Herbert Morrison told correspondents today that his conversations with West German Government leaders had been successful.

"I think I can say that the object of my visit has been realized," he said.

This was the third day of his four-day visit to Germany to meet leaders of the West German Government and of the Opposition Parties.

Asked whether he had discussed with Dr. Adenauer a possible German contribution to European defence, Mr. Morrison replied they had discussed everything of interest to the two countries. But he added that there was to be no joint statement on the talks and he did not want to give a unilateral version.

Mr. Morrison is due to call on President Theodor Reuss today and to meet Dr. Kurt Schumacher, leader of the opposition German Socialist Party. Tonight he will dine with Dr Adenauer, who has accepted his invitation to visit Britain as a guest of the Government. No date was given for the visit.

Yesterday he discussed the future of the British High Commission in Germany with senior officials at the country home of the High Commissioner, Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick.

Right, Left Hit Detention Order

The Knesset last night appeared headed toward passage of a measure requiring Acting Defence Minister Moshe Sharett to cancel his order for the detention of suspected members of the *Brit Hakana'im* under the Defence (Emergency) Regulations. The effect of such a motion, if passed, would be that prisoners could only be brought up before the regular courts, and that those now held on suspicion would be freed if no evidence could be presented against them in court.

A conglomeration of parties commanding the votes of a majority of the House had indicated that they opposed the Acting Defence Minister's action, but the vote was postponed when Mapai asked for an extension of the debating time after the two hours originally allocated had expired. The discussion will be resumed today.

Move to Abrogate

There was also a move to abrogate all the Defence (Emergency) Regulations, but this is less likely to get a majority. It was pressed by Mapam, Herut and the Communists and received some qualified support from the Religious Bloc, General Zionists and Sephardim, but opinion here was not clear-cut. The effect of a motion by Dr. Hannan Rubin (Mapam) would be to deprive the Israel Government of all emergency powers the Mandatory Government had legislated, such as the establishment of military courts to try civilians, administrative arrests, the death penalty for possession of arms, life imprisonment for wearing military uniforms or damaging communications, deportations, the placing of civilians under police surveillance and authority for police and soldiers to detain suspects and carry out searches.

Mr. Menahem Begin (Herut), Mr. Israel Rokach (General Zionists), Mr. Tewfik Toubi (Communist), Dr. Moshe Ben Ami (Sephardim) and Dr. Zerah Warhaftig (Orthodox), also urged the repeal of these regulations.

Mr. Rokach conceded the need for emergency powers to deal with Arab marauders — Mr. Sharett had posed this question to Mr. Begin who interrupted him with a passionate denunciation of the Regulations — and Dr. Ben Ami and Dr. Warhaftig also conceded that some substitute regulations would have to be enacted by the Knesset. Therefore, it was not clear last night what the voting on this issue would bring.

Terrorist Group Proven

The detentions had not been on the agenda but the Speaker received requests for a debate from the Religious Bloc, Mapam, Herut, the General Zionists, the Communists and two Sephardi members. On behalf of the Government, Mr. Sharett agreed to an immediate discussion.

Mr. Sharett, who had act-

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Group to Study Zealot Evidence

A Ministerial Committee is to be appointed to study the evidence presented by the police against members of the Brith Hakana'im in connection with the terrorist plot uncovered in Jerusalem last week, it was decided at an emergency meeting of the Cabinet held last night after the Knesset session.

Last night's meeting, which was under the chairmanship of the Acting Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, lasted for over an hour and a half, and all Ministers present in Israel attended.

It had been learned earlier that the Minister of Social Welfare, Rabbi I. M. Levin, had called upon President Weizmann in the morning.

Knesset Mourns Passing of Remez

A memorial session for the Education Minister, Mr. David Remez, was held yesterday in the Knesset. His chair at the Cabinet table between the seats of Dr. Joseph and Mr. Rosen was draped in black and members of the bereaved family sat nearby.

Representatives of all parties from Herut to the Communists, mourned Mr. Remez. The tributes of his political opponents were perhaps the most moving.

Dr. Yohanan Bader (Herut) said he had been detained in Latrun with Mr. Remez. It was under such naked conditions, the speaker said, that a man could be most truly judged. Mr. Remez, he said, had been proud and fearless, and had found a common language with the young fighters detained there.

Willingness to Compromise

Mrs. Shoshana Persitz (General Zionists), who as chairman of the parliamentary Education Committee had often been in conflict with the Minister, spoke of his willingness to seek compromise and understanding.

Mr. Remez was also eulogized by the Speaker, Mr. Yosef Sprinzak; Dr. N. Nir (Mapam), Mr. I. Ben Zvie (Mapai), Mr. D.Z. Pinkas (Orthodox), and Mr. A. Elmaleh (Sephardim), who had been associated with Mr. Remez in the Vaad Leumi; Mr. Idov Cohen, (Progressive) who had been associated with him in the Histadrut; and Mr. Tewfik Toubi (Communist).

P.M. Sees No M.E. Peace Till Arab States Are Democratic

DETROIT, Monday. — There is little hope of peace with the Arab nations in the Middle East until they come under democratic rule, Prime Minister Ben Gurion told a press conference here shortly after his arrival from Chicago. "I am sure that Israel will have lasting peace, both militarily and economically, when there is democracy among the Arab peoples," he said.

Mr. Ben Gurion welcomed the opportunity to meet the industrial leaders of Detroit because he envisions that the industrial development of Israel is patterned on Detroit's mass production methods.

He noted that the Kaiser-Frazer Company has a plant in Haifa and said there would be steady development of the industry. The present Arab boycott of Israel goods "helped more than hindered development. It made us more independent of neighbouring countries and led to our securing outlets in the U.S. and Europe," he added.

More than 1,000 people braved a torrential downpour to greet Mr. Ben Gurion at Willow Run airport last night. A U.S. Air Force band played "Hatikvah" and "The Star Spangled Banner," and Mr. Max Osmos, Chairman of the Detroit Bond Committee, welcomed him to the city.

Today the Mayor presented the Prime Minister with the keys to Detroit, the eighth city he has visited so far on his American tour, before a crowd of 15,000 outside the City Hall.

Tour of Plant

Mr. Ben Gurion later made a complete tour of the Kaiser-Frazer Willow Run plant on a 38-passenger "train." At various points he got off to talk to workers on the assembly line and showed great interest in various details. He invited the firm's president, Mr. Edgar Kaiser, his host, to be his guest at the official opening of the Kaiser-Frazer plant in Haifa on June 14. Commenting on mass production, he said: "A skilled workman is always necessary despite mechanization and tools. There must always be a man who knows how to use them."

He will also tour the Ford plant at River Rouge and will lunch with Henry Ford II.

In Chicago, Mr. Ben Gurion received four members of the Spiritual Assembly of Bahai in the U.S. who expressed their appreciation of the exemplary treatment by the Israel Government of the World Headquarters of Bahai and the world leader, Shoghi Effendi.

One of the representatives was Mrs. Amelia Collins, Chairman of the Bahai International Council, who resides in Haifa. The Prime Minister discussed the Bahai faith with the delegation for nearly an hour and was presented with photographs of the Bahai Temple in Wilmette, Illinois.

It has been announced that on May 26 Mr. Ben Gurion will receive from Mr. Edward Warburg, General Chairman of the U.J.A., a cheque for the largest sum ever presented to Israel at one time in the history of the Appeal.

(Reuter, UP)

Settlement to Be Named for B. G.

BOSTON, Monday (INA). — New England Jewry will found a settlement to be named for Prime Minister Ben Gurion, it was announced at a Jewish National Fund Jubilee meeting here today.

HULEH WORK GOES ON

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Work in the Huleh continued today while at Hakirya no official notice of the Security Council Resolution on the Huleh dispute had yet been received this evening.

The Resolution will be considered by the Cabinet upon its receipt, it is understood.

This morning the Soviet Minister, M. Pavel Yershov, and the Yugoslav Minister, Dr. D. Bratic, called on Mr. Walter Eytan, Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, at Mr. Eytan's invitation. They discussed Israel's view of the Security Council's Resolution.

Today's meetings followed those of last week with the First Secretary of the U.S. Embassy, and the Ministers of Great Britain and Turkey.

Sharett, Riley Meet Again on Huleh

Major-General William Riley, Chief of Staff of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization, arrived in Jerusalem yesterday and discussed the situation in the Huleh with Mr. Sharett for 45 minutes.

It was the second meeting of the two on the Huleh in four days.

General Riley arrived by plane at Kalandia airfield and crossed the lines at Mandelbaum Gate in the early afternoon. He went straight to the Prime Minister's Office. No statement was issued after the discussion in which Mr. Reuven Shiloah, Special Adviser to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, also participated.

After the meeting General Riley again crossed the lines at Mandelbaum Gate and flew back to Beirut, it was reported.

U.N. spokesmen in Jerusalem declined to comment on General Riley's activities and are keeping a blackout on his movements — this for the first time since the Truce Supervision Organization began operating in the Middle East.

The General's health was much improved, it was stated.

Egypt Jets Reported Over Damascus

A number of Egyptian jet planes flew over Damascus yesterday afternoon as the first consignment of Egyptian military aid to Syria, ANA reports. At the same time a consignment of surplus Allied war equipment bought by Syria last year arrived at Latakia airport, it was said.

Faris el Khoury, the Syrian representative at Lake Success, yesterday praised the "justice" of the Security Council's Resolution on the Huleh, according to INA. He quickly pointed out that the debate and wording of the Resolution made it clear that Israel was the party guilty of violating the armistice. El Khoury complained that Syria's case was being unfairly presented in the American press.

STATE DEPT BACKS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

WASHINGTON, Monday (UP). — State Department spokesman Michael McDermott today reaffirmed U.S. support of the U.N. Security Council's resolution asking the Government of Israel to suspend its Huleh drainage activities.

Pound Value Rising, Local Prices Dropping

World Price Jump Has Effect Locally

An extraordinary Cabinet meeting will be held this week to discuss the raising of the prices of several important commodities whose cost on the world market has risen, Mr. H. Hollander, Director-General of the Ministry of Trade and Agriculture, announced at the end of an economic symposium sponsored by the Hapoel Hamizrahi Youth.

He said it was absurd to believe that even austerity goods could be sold here at prices lower than those prevailing in London and New York. While official prices would rise, black market prices would probably fall, due to economic developments in the near future, he said.

Mr. Hollander announced that some time between the New Year and Hannukah, the country would possess greater quantities of goods, including raw materials which would permit two and even three shifts in the industrial sector, more than at any time since the creation of the State.

Despite his optimism, Mr. Hollander refused to predict the economic possibilities for 1952-53, as conditions here would inevitably depend on the condition of the world market. He said, however, that the Government would overcome the inflation this year by turning additional goods into the market and absorbing surplus currency.

At the same meeting, Mr. D.Z. Pinkas, chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee, said the Government had printed no currency except for land bonds since April 1.

Mapai Kibbutzim Form New Union

A national organization of Mapai Kibbutzim will be created within the next two weeks, following the conference of the Kibbutz Hameuhad held in Naan, Mr. Baruch Eisenstadt, member of the Knesset, told the press late last night.

In addition, Mapai will propose a round table conference to discuss problems arising in those Kibbutzim where no clear cut decisions can be taken. Mr. Eisenstadt declared that the Kibbutz Hameuhad had 13,000 full members of whom at least 5,000 were members of Mapai. The 80 settlements of the Kibbutz Hameuhad could be divided into three categories. In the first, containing 25 settlements, there is a Mapai majority of 65 per cent or more. A total of 3,500 Mapai members live in settlements of this category which are among the most prosperous in the Kibbutz Hameuhad, Mr. Eisenstadt said.

The second category, that of 15 Kibbutzim, is that in which neither Mapai nor Mapam have a clear majority, the margin being 45 to 55 per cent. The future of these 15 Kibbutzim should be discussed at the round table conference, Mr. Eisenstadt suggested.

The remaining 40 kibbutzim formed a third category in which there was a clear Mapam majority.

'Realistic' IL. Rate Suggested in U.K.

By George Lichtheim
POST Correspondent

LONDON, Monday. — The recent slight improvement in the exchange rate of the Israel Pound causes a writer in today's "Financial Times" to wonder whether the time has not come to fix a new and more realistic exchange value.

This reasoning is based upon the assumption that with the immediate crisis caused by the almost complete loss of foreign currency overcome, "the Israel Government will presumably be more and more concerned with establishing a basically sound external payments position rather than with raising the money needed to cover persistent deficits. It might be wise therefore to consider whether it would not be advisable to make use of the breathing space afforded by the inflow of dollar and other exchange resources to establish the official value of the currency at a realistic level."

Reserves Strengthened

The writer notes that the current New York quotation is about 85 cents compared with 75 not long ago and suggests that this improvement is "undoubtedly due in large measure to indications that the Israel Government has succeeded in materially reinforcing its foreign exchange reserves." But while conceding that this may enable Israel to maintain the Pound at its present official parity, the article draws attention to the allied evils of black marketeering and inflated export prices.

This is the first occasion for some considerable time that the subject has been given prominence in the financial press here. The article is headlined: "Israel Pound Improves," and occupies a conspicuous position on the editorial page.

Refugee Office Head In J'lem Thursday

The Palestine Conciliation Commission met formally in Jerusalem yesterday under the chairmanship of M. Rustu Arras, who has assumed the chair for the next four weeks under the rotation system, U.N. sources announced in Jerusalem yesterday.

The meeting dealt with administrative questions in connection with the opening of the Commission's new Refugee Office. The Office's chairman, Mr. Holger Andersen, is due in Jerusalem on Thursday.

There was no knowledge in U.N. circles of any plan to employ the experts of the P.C.C. in evaluating the lands of the Arabs in the Huleh region, it was stated. The Refugee Office has on its staff economic, financial and land experts.

U.N. sources confirmed that last Saturday the members of the P.C.C. met General Riley.

POST Correspondent

The strengthening of the Israel pound on the Zurich market has led to appreciable drops in the local price of gold, building materials and flats, it was reported in financial circles in Jerusalem yesterday.

On the Zurich Exchange, the pound had risen to 4.10 Swiss francs after having dropped as low as 3.25 francs a few weeks ago. The "import dollar," too, has dropped to 990 pruta after a major drop of IL.1.060 to IL.1.100 at the beginning of this month.

Gold on the local market has dropped from a peak of IL.36 for the sovereign about a month ago to between IL.18 and IL.17 since the institution of Government restrictions and the closure of the Lilienblum bourse several weeks ago, and to IL.15 yesterday. There is speculation as to whether individuals will sell gold under the official rate of IL.14 should market prices sink lower than that.

Housing Repercussions

The repercussions in the housing market have been startling. A two-room flat on the outskirts of Tel Aviv is now available for IL.7,500 and one in the centre of Tel Aviv for IL.9,500, whereas the price two months ago was IL.10,000 and IL.12,000 respectively. Estimates of drops in prices per room in urban cooperative houses range from five to 15 per cent, and it is clear that a decrease of approximately IL.400 per room can be recorded. The outright prices of flats reflect the cuts in the cost of building materials: black market cement has dropped from IL.80 to IL.60 per ton; iron from IL.520 to IL.450 per ton; and lumber from IL.140 to IL.100 per cubic metre.

The improvement in the currency situation has been attributed to a number of factors, chief among them the successful inception of the Independence Loan in the U.S. and the slight easing of the world situation.

Psychological Effects

The effects, psychological as well as material, of the rising confidence in the Israel pound on the local scene have been manifold. The drop in housing prices, for example, has been attributed to the relaxation of insecurity which had led local savers and investors to sink their wavering pounds into real estate. The same is true for gold. People no longer seem to dive for any available flat; it is reported that the demand has slackened considerably.

Previously flats were sold even before foundations were laid. The hurried sale of gold at drastically reduced prices is attributed to the fear on the part of holders that prices will drop even further with the bolstering of confidence in the pound.

In the case of building materials, the influence of the Independence Loan is patent: builders feel assured that a relatively certain flow of cement, steel and lumber will continue unhampered. The Government's credit curbs have also been pointed out as a cause for the drop in prices.

Some financial circles attributed the sluggish reaction to the dollar-linked internal loan — only IL.1m. of the IL.10m issue have been sold thus far — to the stabilising of the pound.

The influence of the rise in the value of the pound and the ensuing drop in prices in some areas have not, however, affected the rental and land markets. The demand for rented flats is still colossal, and two-room flats in the heart of Tel Aviv are still going for key money of IL.3,500 to IL.4,000. Nor are building lot owners selling. A half-dunam lot in the centre of Tel Aviv is now valued at IL.40,000 and in the centre of Herzlia at IL.14,000.

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Local Reinsurance Company Planned

By a Special Correspondent

THE initiative of Israel insurance circles in preparing the ground for the establishment of an Israel Reinsurance Company has been the subject of some discussion in the press.

A reinsurance company in Israel would function as a Central Clearing Institution or Central Reinsurance Bank. Insurance circles in Great Britain in 1947 studied the desirability of founding a British Reinsurance Bank on a voluntary basis, to which companies would allot all surpluses above their own net retentions. The Bank was to be formed with the participation of all offices writing direct insurances in the country, and it was maintained that it would be in the best interests of all insurers, Tariff, non-Tariff, and Lloyds, to participate. It will be recalled that during World War II, owing to the loss of most reinsurance facilities on the Continent, insurance companies in Great Britain were obliged to place all their reinsurance business at home. The arrangement was apparently found to be advantageous.

Reinsurance Advantages

The intention in Israel seems to be to form a local Reinsurance Company whose share capital would be subscribed by the leading insurance companies. In place of their present arrangements for reinsurance abroad, they would cede all insurances beyond their own retention to the new reinsurance company, which would then place in bulk, under separate arrangements with foreign reinsurers, whatever it could not handle itself. As the profits of the company would be returned to the participants, this would constitute an increase in the net premium income to members. In this way, a policy of strengthening security by ploughing underwriting profits back into the business could be maintained.

Obviously, a concentration of Israel's reinsurances would be an important step towards the reduction of the expense rates of the individual company. The most important consideration, however, is that the payment of reinsurance premiums abroad, without reciprocity, would be eliminated. At present, a few leading Israel companies have succeeded in obtaining by way of reciprocity a certain participation in the reinsurance business of their foreign reinsurers; but newly formed companies lack, for the time being, any such arrangement. A central Reinsurance Company could insist much more effectively on business being ceded to them by the foreign companies with which they cooperate: such arrangements would result in a substantial reduction in currency payments to foreign reinsurers who, under present agreements, are receiving a considerable amount of Israel's insurance business.

Insurance business has always been international in character, and centralization of reinsurances with one particular company would automatically result in forgoing the vital principle of a wide spread of business and the associated risks. Once a certain volume of business is reached, the spread of risks does not seem to matter quite so much; but in the beginning, and in a small country like Israel, this question must be carefully considered. There is always the risk that, a young company may be crippled by a catastrophe or a large conflagration. In such an event, much would depend upon the size of the reserves paid in at the formation of the company. On the other hand, companies with good portfolios run the risk of reduced profits on account of the participation of companies less favourably placed. This could be remedied to a certain extent if the profits of the reinsurance company were distributed in proportion to the business results of the various companies. It would seem to be undesirable therefore, that participation in the Company be based on the holding of shares.

Another point requiring consideration is the possible effect of a Reinsurance Company on the present system under which a number of local companies have formed a pool for insuring the larger risks of the Government and other public institutions. This system of group insurance would necessarily be affected should a Central Institution handle all the reinsurances of the participating companies together. Although the Central Reinsurance Company could insist on a certain amount of reciprocity against the business ceded abroad, it is likely that the formation of a Central Company would entail the loss of some of the present business obtained under existing foreign reinsurance arrangements.

The Insurance Bill now before the Knesset should take into account the need for the supervision of reinsurance companies as distinct from direct insurance offices.

Social & Personal

The Executive Council of the Hebrew Institute of Technology, Haifa, held an inaugural reception for its President, Rav-Aloof Y. Dori, and its Vice-President, Prof. S. Goldstein, at the Zion Hotel yesterday afternoon.

Dr. A. Barth, Managing Director of the Bank Leumi Le'Israel, is due to leave today by air for the U.S. to assist in the Bond Drive and to transact Bank affairs.

A reception was held by the Hitahduth Olei Britannia at Wizo House on Rehov Yavarkon in Tel Aviv last night for the Jewish Community leaders from Great Britain who have been visiting Israel. Among the guests of honour were Mr. Barnett Janner, M.P., President of the British Zionist Federation, and Mrs. Janner; Mr. Jacob Halevy, Chairman of the Federation, and Mrs. Halevy; and Mr. Harry Shine, Executive Director of the Joint Palestine Appeal, and Mrs. Shine.

Judge Eisenberg, of the Jerusalem District Court, and Mrs. Eisenberg left for England by El Al on Sunday.

Mr. A.J. Bressler, of Leicester, England, a Vice-Chairman of the Joint Palestine Appeal in Great Britain, and Mrs. Bressler are at the King David Hotel.

Mr. M. Offer, General Manager of the Palestine Portland Cement Works Ltd., has returned from a business trip abroad.

Mr. J. Glancy has arrived in Israel to act as manager of the American Express Company, Inc., during the absence of Mr. E. Salaman who is going on sick leave to the U.K., accompanied by Mrs. Salaman. Mr. Rex Wheeler who relieved Mr. Salaman in April is returning to the London office.

Mr. David Horowitz, Economic Adviser to the Government, will lecture on "Actual Problems and Basic Problems in the Israel Economy" under the auspices of the Tel Aviv School of Law and Economics at 8.30 next Sunday evening at the Museum Hall in Tel Aviv.

Prof. E.M. Fuos of Yale University will lecture in English on "Polyelectrolytes" under the auspices of the Hebrew University at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the Science Building in Mamilian Road, Jerusalem.

Prof. C. Perelman, Professor of Philosophy at the Université Libre de Bruxelles, will lecture in Hebrew on "The Conception of Justice" under the auspices of the Hebrew University at 8 o'clock this evening at Terra Sancta in Jerusalem.

An illustrated lecture on "Life in Tibet" was given by Mr. M.G. Gribenow last night to the Israel Oriental Society in Jerusalem. Mr. Gribenow, who arrived here recently on behalf of the Christian Missionary Alliance, was a missionary in Labrun in Eastern Tibet from 1922 to 1949.

BIRTH

MIHALOVICI — To Mina (nee Moscovici), wife of Mr. Jack Mihalovici on March 17, 1954, at Berkeley, California — a daughter.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

KEMP—BINDER

The marriage will take place in Johannesburg on Wednesday, May 23, 1951, between Phil Kemp (ex-Mahal) and Claire Binder, of Johannesburg.

CONDOLENCES ON MINISTER'S DEATH

Messages of condolence on the death of David Remez were received in the Prime Minister's Office yesterday from the Minister of Finance, Mr. E. Kaplan, and from Mrs. Golda Myerson, the Minister of Labour. Mrs. Myerson wrote, "I have no words to express the depth of the tragedy."

Mr. Avraham Krinitzi, the Mayor of Ramat Gan, cabled, "We are pained with all of Israel at the untimely death of the wise and upright David Remez," and Mr. Oved Ben Ami, the Mayor of Nathanya wrote, "The entire state was impoverished suddenly by the death of David Remez."

Condolences were also received from the Palestine Jewish Colonization Association; from Mr. Zvi Isaacson, for the Farmers' Association, the Magen David Adom, Father Yehyakin el-Antony, Head of the Coptic Church in Israel, Mr. Amin Jarjura, Knesset Member from Nazareth; Mr. Aryeh Leib Gelman, World Executive of Mizrahi; Mr. Ya'acov Halevy, British Zionist Federation; Rav-Aloof Ya'acov Dori, Hebrew Institute of Technology, Haifa; and Prof. F. Ollendorf, for the staff of the Institute; Profs. A. Halevi and A. H. Fraenkel, B'nai Brith; Ulpanim and the teachers of Agudat Israel.

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Tuesday, June 5, 8.30 p.m.
REHOVOT: Beit Haam
Thursday, May 31, 8.30 p.m.
HAIFA: Arman
Thursday, June 7, 9 p.m.
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9-1; 3.6: New acquisitions from Germany and France, including works and books illustrated by French artists. Exhibit of the Month: Magnasco Painting; Bezalel Museum.

10-1; 4-7: Paintings & Drawings by Jerusalem Artists; Artists' House.

TEL AVIV

10-4: Retrospective Exhibition Albert Marquet; Recent works by Kahana; Tel Aviv Museum.

8.30 p.m.: Hotel de Commerce: Chamber Theatre: Mograbi Hall. 9 p.m. — Museum: Chamber Music: Beethoven: Septet, String Trio.

HAIFA

8 a.m.-4.30 p.m.: Theological and Scientific Library — Central Eysagogue Bldg., Rehov Gilad.

10-1; 4-6: Municipal Museum, 2 Hasan Shukri Street.

Jerusalem Cinemas

At 3.30, 7 & 9 p.m.

EDEN: The Next Voice You Hear
EDISON: Born To Be Bad. (3, 7, 9 p.m.).
ORION: Cheaper by the Dozen.
SEMADAR: Tycoon (7 & 9 p.m.).
STUDIO: The Genius and the Nightingale.
ZION: Backfire.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 407 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.
TEL AVIV: 43.9, 31.5 & 522 M.:

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30 p.m. & 8.30 and 10.25 p.m.; English: 2 and 10.15 p.m.; Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 and 7.15 p.m.; French: 5 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.55 Exercises. 6.46 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies. 7.45 Oriental Music: R. Amar. 8.30 Close Down.

10.00 a.m. Morning Concert (R). 10.30 Variety (R). 11.00 At the Opera (R). 12.00 N. Break for Music (R). 12.20 "Consumers" Co-operatives. 12.30 Programme for Hospitals. 1.00 Soldiers' Programme: Classical Requests 1.45 Housewives' Corner. 3.15 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 4.20 Siesta (R). 4.38 Piano Recital: Paul Schlesinger. 4.45 "Legends:" By Dr. E. Oiswanger. 5.00 "Naim Zmirot Yisrael" Choir: Conductor: R. Amar. 5.30 Recital: Sascha Parmet, W.A. Schocken & Moshe Lustig. 5.50 Agricultural Corner. 6.15 "News in the Arab World" by Gideon Weigert. 6.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 "Let's Play:" by M. Akavia. 7.45 Bible Reading. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.45 Guest Talk. 9.00 Kol Yisrael Orchestra: Conductor: Yohanan Zaral. Soloist: Sonia Vallin: "Return from Abroad" (Mendelssohn); Piano Concerto (Mozart); Romance in C Major (Sibelius); Youth Symphony (Salomon). 10.30 Dance Music (R). 11.15 Close Down.

Immigrants' Hour (33.3 M.): 7.00 p.m. Yiddish; 7.30 p.m. Ladino; 7.40 p.m. French; 8.00 p.m. Turkish; 8.15 p.m. Persian.

Kol Zion Lagola (33.3 M.): 12.15 a.m. Newsreel. 12.30 "An Interview with Titus:" by Dr. C. Roth. 12.45 Vocal Recital: Rita Rosenan.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (19.91 and 24.92 M.): 7.30 News. 7.40 News Talk. 7.45 Visitors' Corner. 7.50 Theatre Review.

ARMY PROGRAMMES (220, 235 & 44.6 M.): 6.30 p.m. Programme Announcements. 6.33 Works by Haydn & Schubert. 7.00 Air Force Programme. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Works by Berlioz. 8.00 Soldier's Programme. 8.30 News. 8.40 Interlude. 9.00 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

VOICE OF AMERICA: Hebrew Programme: 9-9.30 p.m. (13.85, 13.82, 17.01 & 19.07 M. from U.S.A.: 19.63 & 25.36 from Tangier).

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At the Cinema

"THE Skipper Surprised his Wife" (Amphitheatre, Haifa) is a domestic comedy with the usual jokes about unwashed dishes, electric ironing machines, that are not so simple as the advertisers claim, burned toast and the like. It tells of a naval officer (Robert Walker) who has to take over the household when his wife (Joan Leslie) breaks her ankle. After initial turmoil, he decides to organize things along regulation naval lines, and succeeds to such an extent that the local Women's League invites him to lecture on housekeeping. A rift between him and his wife and children ensues. Everything comes out right in the end. The cast includes Edward Arnold as the admiral and Spring Byington as the latter's wife.

"MY Blue Heaven" (Armon) is a Technicolor musical comedy with child adoption as its theme. Betty Grable and Dan Dailey play the vaudeville radio couple, who, believing they cannot have a child, emulate their friends in deciding to adopt one. Interwoven with song and dance numbers are insights into the care taken by adoption agencies in placing children, and the dangers of getting a child through unofficial channels. In the end, the happy couple finds itself with one child from an agency, one which they negotiated through "black" channels, and a surprise on the way.

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Lag B'Omer At Meron 2 Days

Lag B'Omer celebrations at Meron will be spread over two days for reasons of safety and decorum, it was decided last week at a meeting of the Department for Traditional Judaism in the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

The Room of the Zohar will be opened tomorrow, the eve of the festival. The shrine is dedicated to Rabbi Yohanan Bar Zakai, considered to be the author of the Zohar, the basic work for kabbalistic study.

The room contains various editions of the work. Programmes of songs will be held five times during the celebrations at various places in the village.

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Menuhin Finds Unknown Concerto

NEW YORK, Monday (INA). — Mr. Yehudi Menuhin has announced here that he has acquired a hitherto unknown Violin Concerto from a descendant of Felix Mendelssohn.

The piece, in D Minor, was written by Mendelssohn at the age of 13, Mr. Menuhin said, describing it as "very sweet and extremely romantic." He added that he may play it during the next concert season.

Atom Shells A Question of Time

SEATTLE, Monday (Reuter). — Atomic weapons for ground forces have not yet been developed to the point "where we would want to use them close to our troops," the U.S. Army Chief of Staff, General J. Lawton Collins, said here this week. However, it is just a question of time till we have shells with atom war heads."

General Collins also told a press conference here that the Koreans had no suitable targets for atomic bombing.

In New York, however, the syndicated columnist, Drew Pearson, claimed that the U.S. has developed a method of contaminating military objectives with radio-active rays which could be made as deadly as desired. He said that this was the most revolutionary of a number of new weapons which the army was prepared to throw into Korea — if necessary.

Malan Pledges Aid If War Comes

CAPETOWN, Monday (Reuter). — South Africa's Prime Minister, Dr. Daniel Malan, said last week that if war broke out between Britain and Russia over the Persian oil dispute it would mean world war and South Africa would "do her duty." He was replying in the Assembly to Mr. H.G. Lawrence, former Interior Minister, and added that the same would be true if there was an invasion of Yugoslavia or if the Russians in Germany broke through to the West.

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HITAHDUTH OLEI BRITANNIA

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DANES LOSE IN TEL AVIV

The only goal of the match, played at the Tel Aviv Stadium on Saturday, and scored in the 10th minute by centre-forward Glazer, gave Tel Aviv Maccabi a 1-0 win over the visiting Danish A.G.F. soccer side (briefly reported on Monday).

The local side had control of the game during the opening and last 15 minutes, which was enough to enable them to clinch the issue. For the rest of the play, defences were very much on top, with the attackers well held. The visitors, despite their continued weakness in front of the goal, in which their opponents also shared, gave the best show so far in Israel.

Schneour and Litvuk, backed by Eli Fuchs and Halibner played well in the local defence, with Fuchs trying hard with good support to his forwards. From in goal, and left back Knudsen, were the Danes' best men near their goal. Studinski, Yona Fuchs and Israeli tried hard to get some combined attacking moves going for Tel Aviv, while Glazer, apart from netting the winning goal, had an off day.

Open Goal

In the 10th minute, Glazer took advantage of a misunderstanding between A.G.F.'s centre-half Axel Madsen and goalie From — who had left his charge — to nip through and shoot into the empty net. Five minutes later a hard drive from Glazer rebounded from the crossbar. In the 25th minute the Danes pressed hard for an equalizer and went near, when Ben Dori saved a shot at goal. The A.G.F. continued their pressure for the rest of the half but could not score.

The same situation prevailed at the opening of the second half with the Danes pressing. Goldstein replaced Mirimovitch in the 15th minute. R. Jensen sent in a fine shot on the turn in the 23rd minute but saw it go outside. Play moved to the other end, and two minutes later, Eli Fuchs gave Glazer a nice pass but the centre-forward shot wide from 16 metres out. On the half-hour, Studinski sent in a drive which went just outside. For the rest of the match, the main pressure came from the home side but there was no change in the score.

The teams were: A.G.F.: From: K.O. Petersen, Knudsen; Frandsen, Axel Madsen, E. Jensen; J. Madsen, Olesen, Frederiksen, R. Jensen, C. Petersen. T.A. Maccabi: Ben Dori; Azjo, Litvuk; Halibner, Schneour, E. Fuchs; Israeli, Mirimovitch (Goldstein), Glazer, Studinski, Y. Fuchs. Referee: Dudkovitch. Linesmen: Schneider and Leuchter.

South Africans Draw

The touring South African cricket team suffered misfortune when they lost the services of Dudley Nourse, their captain, during the game against Gloucestreshire last week. The game, which ended at Bristol, on Friday last, resulted in a draw. Left with 135 runs to get in 65 minutes on the last day's play, the South Africans did not even attempt to achieve the difficult task and were satisfied to play out time.

SCOREBOARD:

South Africans: 1st Innys.: 388 for 9 declared (Jack McGlew, 90; John Waite, 62; Jack Cheetham, 92; Lambert, 5 for 87). 2nd Innys.: 15 for 1. Gloster: 1st Innys.: 207 (Martin Young, 87; McCarthy, 6 for 56; Melee, 3 for 43). 2nd Innings: 322 for 4 declared (Gradley, 93, Crapp, 64; Mann, 2 for 66).

LOCAL WEEK-END SOCCER

Histadrut Cup

Haifa Hap.	1	Pet. Tik. Hap.	1
Northern League			
Kfar Ata Hap.	3	Haifa Post Workers	2
Bet Oren Hap.	2	Nazareth	1
Kiriat Haim Hapoel	3	Haifa Dror Hapoel	1
Friendlies			
Haifa Mac.	2	T.A Betar	2
Hadera Mac.	3	Jaffa Mac.	4
Rosh Pina	1	Tib. Yaacov (Played at Ginosar)	0

SHIPS IN HAIFA PORT ON MONDAY

Ritaker, Costa., gen. cargo. Kypros, Br., gen. cargo. Michael, Gr., durra. Transilvania, Rum., Immigrants, household effects. Eti, Tur., wood. Buyuk Sakir, Tur., compt. unloading. Sadikbar, Tur., gen. cargo. De Vilhena, Malt., gen. cargo. Ulise, It., stopping for a day. San Antonio, It., loading export. Nazar, Tur., bagged cargo. Nicola Vaptzarov, Bul., passengers. Palestinian Prince, Br., gen. cargo. Katka, Fin., bagged cargo. Aghios Nicolaos, Gr., wood. Annuciada, Sw., wheat. Angelica, It., wood. Rire, It., wood. Strol Ranger, U.S., soya. Hellenic Chrysoula, Pan., gen. cargo. Misex, Sw., gen. cargo. Sunnanvik, Sw., wood, gen. cargo. Miriam, Is., being repaired. Uygar, Tur., wood. Riba, Bul., mixed cargo. Apostolos Andrios, Cyp., waiting to offload. Kartaltepe, Tur., cotton. Marcheto, It.

SHIPS EXPECTED

21.5 Venerator, wood. Clelia Campanella, wood. Nurten, gen. cargo, cement. Kedmah, immigrants, passengers, gen. cargo, mail. 22.5 Rio Quinto, frozen meat. 23.5 Henrietta Szold, pipes, wood, gen. cargo.

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(Sgd.) S. RAZI — Registrar Haifa, 17.5.51.

STATE OF ISRAEL

Notices to the Public

GOVERNMENT LOANS' ADMINISTRATION

Drawings of War Loan (Bearer Bonds) 1945 — Third issue

The drawings Nos. 12-24, which were not held according to schedule, will now take place today, Tuesday, May 22, 1951, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the "Ohel Shem," 30 Rehov Balfour, Tel Aviv.

STOCK MARKET
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MAY 21.	Buyers	Sellers
Government Loans		
3% due 30.9.55	100	100½
3% due 31.12.58	100½	101½
(01"II) 69-69 "do."	99½	100½
ditto (IL.20)	99½	100½
Bk. Leumi Le'Israel		
"A" Ord. Sh.	130	—
3% Nat. Loan		
1948/53 (IL.10)	139½	139½
(large)	139½	139½
Coupons due	118½	119½
Drawn Bonds due	118½	119½
A.F.B. Invest.		
4% Debs. 50/70	110½	111½
4% Debs. 51/71	110	111
4% Debs. 60/78	130	131
4½% Pref. Shares	113½	114½
Gen. Mortg. Bk.		
4% Debs. 48/63	92½	93½
4% Debs. 49/64	91½	92½
4% Debs. 58/66	91½	92½
4% Debs. 55/70	92½	93½
6% Pref. Sh.	109	110
Ord. Sh.	117	118
Bikur Debs.		
4% 46/58	93	93
4½% 52/66 reg.	92½	93½
Nir. Ltd.		
4% Debs. 37/51	93½	—
4% Debs. 39/59	91	92
5% Pref. Sh.	72½	73½
4% Pref. Sh	71	72
4½% Pref. Sh. reg.	68	69
Pass Debs.		
4% 42/62	86½	87½
4% 49/64	87½	88½
Invra Ltd.		
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P.L.D.C.		
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Ord. Sh.	185½	188½
Afr.-Pal. Inv.		
Ord. Sh.	138	139
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4% Debs. 47/61	93½	95½
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Ord. Sh. (Ldn.)	38/3	38/9
Israel Issue	38/3	39/3
Jer. Electric		
Ord. Sh. (Ldn.)	22/6	—
Mekoroth Ltd.		
5% Pref. Sh.	77	78
Ata		
4% 'B' Pref. Sh.	125	126
4% 'C' Pref. Sh.	125	126
Ord. Sh. 'B' reg.	165½	166½
Knor		
5½% Pref. Sh. reg.	82½	83½
S.A. Binyan		
Ord. Sh.	98	99
Pal. Ctr. Trade		
5% Pref. Sh.	83	84
Hamashbir Fin.		
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Haifa	15	14	—	25
Nathanya	—	—	—	—
Hakirya	44	15	29	26
Lydda Airport	18	15	29	29
Jerusalem	33	19	33	24

Forecast: Cloudy becoming fair; temperature back to normal.
*A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maxim. temp. expected today.

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About 60 Iraqi immigrants demonstrated in Rehovot yesterday against alleged discrimination in employment. A delegation was received by the Mayor, and the demonstrators then dispersed.

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A vehicle of the French Embassy swerved on to a pile of stones in Rehov Bograshov, Tel Aviv, on Sunday night after the driver was reportedly blinded by the lights of an approaching bus. A U.S. Embassy jeep overturned on the Tel Aviv-Petah Tikva road on Sunday. Neither of the two occupants was injured.

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A maximum sentence of one year in prison was imposed by the Tel Aviv Magistrate yesterday on Ephraim Barko, 22, of Holon, charged with procuring for a 19 year-old girl in Jaffa during December of last year.

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The visiting Danish A.G.F. team will play its fourth game against Haifa Hapoel at the Hapoel Stadium in Haifa, at 5 p.m. today.

Zafati Says He Wanted To Shoot Himself

TEL AVIV, Monday (ITIM). — Two days before the Knesset recess in 1949 Abraham Zafati had spoken to Mr. Y. Sprinzak, the Knesset Speaker, about his plan to save the world from war, but the latter told him he would not be able to give a reply until after the Knesset reconvened, Zafati told the District Court here today. Zafati is the shepherd who entered the Knesset building with a loaded Stengun 20 months ago, and disrupted a session while the Prime Minister was speaking.

The accused told the Court today that following his conversation with Mr. Sprinzak he decided to enter the Knesset before it recessed and shoot himself in order to attract attention for his plan to construct in Jerusalem a "holy building for the United Nations."

This is what he had been trying to do while standing in the public gallery when he was overpowered by guards, Zafati said.

Judge S. Kassan postponed the trial until May 28. Defending Zafati is Mr. M. Stein and appearing for the prosecution is Mr. B. Tomkiewicz.

HADERA TO BE A MUNICIPALITY

HADERA, Monday. — The Local Council here tonight decided to declare Hadera a municipality next month on the occasion of its 60th anniversary.

Ration News

The following maximum food prices are effective as of today: Grade B cucumbers, 80 pruta a kilogram (Grade A remain 120 pruta a kilogram); okra, 130 pruta a kilogram, grapes, 150 pruta a kilogram; local apples, 160 pruta a kilogram. The following will be the prices of local potatoes for the rest of 1951: Prices will drop to 55 pruta at the end of this month, rise to 60 pruta on July 29, then to 70 pruta on September 2, to 75 pruta on September 30, to 80 pruta on October 28. The prices take into account both storage costs and rising subsidies to producers later in the year.

Personal Notices

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Taiber family,
Aharonovitz family

Ice Makers Slow Production, Claim Costs Are Higher

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Ice manufacturers have slowed down ice production because of increased cost, they said today. They were unable to meet the cost of the special night and week-end shifts usually worked during the summer months, a spokesman of the Ice Manufacturers Association stated.

Manufacturers had granted three wage increases during the past three years while the price of ice to the public had remained unchanged, the spokesman continued.

Appeal to Controller

The manufacturers had appealed to the Price Controller to raise their prices in order to meet the higher wages paid for night work. Although a meeting to discuss the situation had been promised, it did not materialize, the spokesman said.

Manufacturers were also obliged to pay black market prices for minor repairs and spare parts, and in some cases, extensions to existing plants were being held up because of lack of permission to import one or two small items, he claimed.

In the meantime, thousands of families are either going without ice entirely or receiving insufficient quantities to last them through the hot days.

In Ramat Gan the situation is particularly serious since one of the city's two factories broke down several days ago, and the remaining factory is producing 25 per cent less ice. It, in turn, has stopped deliveries, and consumers have to pick up their ice at the factory. In Givatayim, both factories are operating, but one of them has reportedly raised its prices.

Youth Aliyah Opens Children's Centre

A centre for backward children, the first of its kind to be established by Youth Aliyah, was formally inaugurated yesterday afternoon in the Judean hills near Abu Ghosh. Mrs. Vera Weizmann, wife of the President, and Mr. Moshe Kol, Head of the Jewish Agency's Youth Aliyah Department, thanked the Swiss institutions who had provided funds for the centre. Mr. Paul Ritter, the Swiss Consul-General replied.

The new "Swiss village" is situated on the site of Kiryat Yearim and is to be so named. It will absorb 120 children. In Kiryat Yearim, they will be grouped not according to their ages, but according to their special afflictions. The older children will be trained in a number of trades.

Mrs. Weizmann paid tribute to the Swiss tradition of racial and religious tolerance. Comparing Switzerland to Israel, with its mixture of languages and cultures, she hoped that the establishment of this village would be the first stage of a great work of construction.

Mr. Kol recalled that Switzerland had always been friendly towards the idea of a Jewish State. Fourteen of the 22 Zionist Congresses had been held in that country.

Dr. A. Biran, Jerusalem District Representative, brought the good wishes of the Government, and Mr. E. Stiebel spoke for the organization which had given the funds for the village.

Local Council Asked To Provide Education

An order *nisi* was granted to Mr. S. Monzon in the High Court yesterday, asking the Local Council of Kfar Ata, near Haifa, to show cause why it should not provide free, basic education at the Yavne school for 20 of the children in Mr. Monzon's "Neve Leyeled" institution for backward children.

The application charges that the children were sent home last week and told not to return until a tuition fee of IL.42 per pupil had been paid. In view of the free compulsory education system, and of the law holding the Council responsible for the basic education of children within its jurisdiction, the applicant directed his suit against the Local Council.

The only positive response to the various inquiries and petitions made by the parents of the 20 children came from the Municipality of Tel Aviv, which offered to take in the children.

The Court, composed of Justices Agranat, Zussman and Zohar, issued an interim order to permit the children to remain at school until a final decision is taken.

Israel Flowers For Princess Elizabeth

TEL AVIV, Monday. — A basket full of gladiolas and lillies will be flown to London tomorrow by T.W.A. for presentation to Princess Elizabeth at a flower ball to be held tomorrow at the Savoy Hotel for the benefit of disabled veterans.

A parchment scroll bearing a dedication in Hebrew will accompany the flowers which were obtained from the "Opera" shop here.

HEAT WAVE HITS BEERSHEBA

BEERSHEBA, Monday. — Beersheba sweltered under a 42-degree *hamsin* today and suffered at the same time from shortages of water and bread. The bread shortage was believed caused by the lack of electricity last night.

This evening 17 immigrant families from Rumania which had arrived earlier in the day at Haifa reached here by truck. After refreshments in town they were taken to the nearby ma'abara. Another 40 families from the same group are expected later today.

In three weeks 2,000 new immigrants have arrived here, packing the reception centres beyond capacity, and more are understood to be on the way. Despite this vast influx, however, only 260 unemployed persons are registered here.

Efforts are now being made to obtain as many tents as possible to care for future arrivals.

1,600 Arrive, 113 Are From Bulgaria

HAIFA, Monday. — More than 1,600 immigrants from Rumania and Bulgaria arrived in Haifa in the s.s. Transilvania and s.s. Nicola Vaptzarov today. Most of the 113 newcomers from Bulgaria are elderly persons who have come to join their children.

More than 100 families of working age were moved from the Port direct to ma'barot at Athlit, Bet Shaan, Har Tuv and Beersheba.

Training Command Wins Cup

AN ARMY BASE, Somewhere in Israel. — The Training Command soccer team beat the Eighth Command squad 4-2 here yesterday to win the Chief of Staff's cup before a large crowd including the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aloof Yigael Yadin, members of the Diplomatic Corps, and Military Attaches.

Rav-Aloof Yadin presented the cup and awarded medals to the players of both squads and to the chief referee, Mr. Max Shneider. The game was strongly contested, and made up in spirit what it lacked in technique.

The first goal was headed in by Spiegel, of the Training Command, 42 seconds after the start. The score was evened a minute later in a similar shot by Israel of the Eighth Command team.

In the second half the score sea-sawed again to reach a tie of 2-2. The last two goals were scored by Spiegel and Zelikovitz, of the Training Command.

Bash Replaces Lamm

Mr. Raphael Bash, of Kfar Blum, a Mapai member, was sworn in as a member of the Knesset yesterday. He replaces Dr. Yosef Lamm, who resigned to take up a post as President of the District Court in Tel Aviv.

LEBANESE REFUSE RE-ENTRY TO JEWS

The Lebanese Government has issued instructions to all consular and diplomatic representatives abroad not to issue any re-entry visas to Lebanese Jews who have left the country, ANA reports.

STIMULANT

BEERSHEBA, Monday. — Three local residents who had driven their car into a restricted military area near here last week were fined IL.10 each by the Magistrate's Court here today.

They said they had been celebrating the birth of a son to one of their number and had drunk too much beer.

Questioning of Plot Suspects Goes On

Seven of the 20 persons held in Jalameh prison near Haifa in connection with the alleged plot against the Knesset and concealing arms, were brought to Jerusalem yesterday for further questioning.

Police also announced that an investigation had been started into charges made by some of the Orthodox Bloc newspapers that a youth had been roughly handled last week during the police search of the Porat Yossef school in the Katamon quarter.

An official denial was made that a hunger strike had been started a few days ago by the four persons held in the Jerusalem prison. The police said that they had forwarded the prisoners' request for clothing to the latter's families.

Two of the advocates who have been retained by the families of a number of those under arrest have reported that they have still not received any reply from the Acting Minister of Defence for copies of the administrative order under which the detention was made and for an opportunity to speak to their clients.

Suspects held in connection with the Zealots League plot in the Knesset last week are expected to be brought before an Examining Magistrate in Jerusalem within a few days. It is understood that some of those detained have made full statements admitting their complicity.

U.S. Aguda Protests Jailing of Three

NEW YORK, Monday (INA). — Agudat Israel of America sent cables today to President Weizmann and Acting Prime Minister Sharett protesting against the arrest and detention of three leaders of Z'irei Agudat Israel, the Agudist Youth organization in Israel, in connection with the alleged plot to harm the Knesset building.

The American organization were told today in a telephone conversation with a leader of their organization in Israel that Rabbis Shlomo Lorentz, Israel Shadmi and Simon Siroka, administrative heads of the Agudist youth organization, are being denied the right to be visited by attorneys and Rabbis.

Five members of the European Committee of Agudat Israel yesterday appealed to Mr. Sharett to intervene to "assure normal legal processing for the imprisoned orthodox youths. We protest the application of the emergency regulations. We ask your intervention for the sake of Jewish unity."

Commercial Attache At U.S. Embassy

LYDDA AIRPORT, Monday. — The new Commercial Attache to the U.S. Embassy, Mr. A. Jones, arrived by T.W.A. here this morning accompanied by Mrs. Jones.

Mr. Jones served with the U.S. Economic Mission to Korea from 1946 to 1948 and later was appointed First Secretary to the U.S. Consulate there. In March, 1948, Mr. Jones was transferred to Damascus where he served in a similar capacity. Mr. Oliver Troxel has been serving as Acting Commercial Attache.

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Middle East Defence Is Sore Point of Commonwealth Talks

By George Lichtheim, Jerusalem POST Correspondent

LONDON, Monday. — The Commonwealth talks on defence, principally defence of the Middle East, are now scheduled for the second half of June. Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Southern Rhodesia will all send delegates to Malta and Britain will be represented by a strong delegation headed by Mr. Shinwell.

The refusal of India, Pakistan and Ceylon to attend has caused disappointment, but Indian Ocean problems will not be neglected though the emphasis is now expected to shift to the Persian Gulf. The absence of the Asian Dominions is unofficially explained as due to the unresolved Kashmir conflict which makes it difficult for India and Pakistan to attend simultaneously. The defection of Ceylon, however, shows that more is involved, for Ceylon, like India, has opposed the recent adoption of an embargo on trade with China. Pakistan, again, sympathizes openly with Persia in the current dispute and her representatives have publicly warned against the use of force to coerce Teheran. Lastly all three Dominions are unwilling to participate in Middle East defence.

Far East Worries

This problem is also troubling Australia and New Zealand, whose governments are seeking assurances that adequate forces will be available in the Pacific should troops from these two Dominions be despatched to the Middle East. Profiting from this general lack of enthusiasm Dr. Malan has gained a point for South Africa by entering confidential arrangements for the employment of Union forces in Africa—possibly as far north as Egypt. This subject arouses a good deal of uneasiness among liberals here and today's "Observer" protests that the price paid in alienating African sympathies from the Western cause is too high. Dr. Malan's announcement of a secret defence pact came after Sir Brian Robertson had visited South Africa.

In the circumstances it is assumed that it affects the entire Middle East but there still appears to be some hope in Whitehall that Pakistan will associate itself with the defence of the Persian Gulf area once the Anglo-Persian conflict is terminated. India for all practical purposes seems to be out of the picture for good.

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ed in the matter of administrative arrests in consultation with the Ministers of Police and Justice, but had not sought Cabinet approval, presented his case as follows: The existence of a terrorist group who had burned cars and a butcher shop in an attempt to enforce religious observance was indisputable. Police investigations had only just begun, and had already established the existence of an underground with all the marks of a terrorist organization. It had secret "cells," a secret oath, military discipline and an illegal arms cache, all the markings of a terrorist body. They had conspired against the State, against the law and the government. Not only had they planned to sabotage the Knesset by throwing a bomb containing incendiary material, but they had also planned attacks upon other government institutions. The authorities felt that it would be irresponsible not to exploit all legal means in their power against this menace to peace and security to prevent further outrages.

Mr. Sharett said some prisoners would be brought to trial shortly, others might be freed and there might be more arrests. He argued that in view of the present general state of insecurity the Government should be permitted to use emergency powers. The fact that these had been Mandatory regulations should not be held against them.

"Not Dictatorship"

Most of the speakers in the debate objected that the Defence Regulations gave the Government dictatorial powers, and reminded the present leaders that they had also protested against them when the British government had applied these regulations against the Jews. But Mr. Lahar Harari (Progressives) replied that emergency powers in the hands of democratic Israel authorities which could be ousted by the people at any moment could not be compared with the use of these same emergency powers in the hands of a foreign High Commissioner.

Critics of the government also claimed that the Government could have sought remands from civil courts for the zealots and held them until sufficient evidence was collected to bring them to court. To this, Mr. Argov (Mapai) replied that there might be a situation where the authorities had irrefutable information about some people but were not able to bring this evidence to court.

RIOT. — One man was killed and a policeman injured when Arab nationalists and police clashed at Colomb-Bechar, Algeria, on Sunday night. Police arrested 46 of the demonstrators.

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Barred Because Of Politics, Man Claims

Mr. S. Schechter, farmer of Mishmar Hayarden Aleph, yesterday charged in the High Court that he had been excluded from the Regional Council of Upper Galilee because of his Herut affiliation. His request for an order *nisi* against the Chairman and Secretary of the Regional Council of Upper Galilee was granted.

They are to show cause why Mr. Schechter, elected as a representative of Bnei Tzfat this February, was not invited to the Council sessions and why the activities of the Council carried through in the absence of the applicant should not be invalidated.

Mr. M. Kritzman, appearing for the applicant, claimed that the Council had notified the District Representative that they would return the election certificate of Mr. Schechter to him and would oppose his participation in Council work. The applicant claimed that he then personally turned to the Chairman and the Secretary of the Council and after being refused officially, they referred to his Herut membership in a private conversation.

Mr. Kritzman further declared that in view of the Council's refusal to accept Mr. Schechter as a member, its resolutions were illegal.

The Court was composed of Justices Agranat, Sussman and Zohar.

EXPELLED. — M. Lazar Plavish, President of the Yugoslav Metallurgical Trade Union, has been expelled from the union for "hostile activities against the people."

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$325m. Minimum Needed in 1951

WASHINGTON, Monday (UP). — Israel needs a minimum of $325 million this year to finance its external debt and retain the same volume of imports as in 1950, the Foreign Policy Association, a private research organization, reported yesterday. Rising world prices, dwindling Sterling reserves and the need to carry out the great development programme and full-scale immigration may push the sum needed to more than $400 million, the report stated.

It was estimated that Israel "will earn only $100 million counting invisible exports like tourism and shipping." The discrepancy "between hard currency earnings and the demands of a pioneer economy which must import to survive and grow strong is at the root of the present acute economic distress of the new state," it was said.

The analysis was prepared by Hal Lehrman, foreign correspondent and Guggenheim fellow. Mr. Lehrman found nothing unusual in the need for foreign capital, which was characteristic of all countries in process of developing their resources. "In Israel's case the urgency is brought about by the nearly doubled population since the establishment of the State and the drive to compress into a few years what other countries have accomplished at leisure over centuries."

U.S. OUTPUT RISING

WASHINGTON, Monday (Reuter). — America's output of goods and services reached an unprecedented $313,900m. a year rate in the first three months of 1951, the Commerce Department reported here today.

Under the impetus of the defence programme the output reached an annual rate of $14m. higher in the first quarter of this year than in the preceding quarter, an increase of roughly five per cent.

UNRWA GIVES FUND FOR JORDAN REFUGEE BANK

The U.N. Relief and Works Agency has announced it has approved a Jordan Government request for 500,000 dinars to establish a Refugee Reconstruction Bank, NEABS reports.

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Cables in Brief

COLLISION. — A troopship, the Sadro Munemori, outward bound from Seattle with Korean war replacements, collided with a tanker in the Straits of Juan de Fuca on Sunday night. Two large holes were torn in her bows but there were no casualties.

WASHINGTON. — Republican Senator Robert Taft said on Sunday he would not decide for several months whether to bid for Republican nomination for the 1952 Presidential election.

60,000 Chinese Lost in 5 Days

TOKYO, Monday (AP). — The Chinese began withdrawing from half of the Korean central front today after losing nearly 60,000 men, by Allied estimates, in their five-day-old offensive.

Major General Edward Almond announced that his 10th Corps had killed or wounded 48,341 Communists on the east-central front. Yesterday's toll alone was 24,700, he said, the biggest single day's total of the war.

Casualties

The U.S. Defence Department said today that the U.N. forces in Korea lost 1,618 dead and wounded during the five days.

Allied officers estimated that 10,220 other casualties were inflicted on the west-central front.

The western end of the U.N. line wheeled north today in a move to outflank the Communists, and seized two towns above Seoul. British and American reconnaissance forces entered Mussan, 38 kms. northwest of the South Korean capital and a task force went into Uijongbu, 22 kms. north of the city, an Eighth Army communique announced.

This surprise "little offensive" across rugged slopes made treacherous by drizzling rain, gained 10 kms. yesterday and was reported to be making steady progress today. It was meeting with only moderate resistance.

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SPLIT IN KIBBUTZIM

THE split in the Union of the Kibbutzim—Kibbutz Hameuhad—which has served for more than two decades as an umbrella for agricultural collective communes made up both of Mapai and those who in recent years have come under Mapam, is of concern to more than the cooperative movement directly affected. As an immediate consequence, the rift means the withdrawal of Mapai adherents from the Union, leaving the Mapam majority in sole authority and control. Not less far-reaching will be the effects of the split on the individual Kibbutzim — more than eighty in number — on whose members and their children the surgical operation is to be performed.

But the fissure which this quarrel has so tragically exposed goes beyond the interests, sentiments and happiness of the many thousands whose devoted labours have reared this proud structure. The discord which has led to the clash between partners in an enterprise which has represented the acme of social pioneering on this country's soil, pioneering of an unexampled and exalted order, is an acknowledgement that there are two ways of thought, and that their protagonists can no longer be housed under the same roof. They cannot be housed in Ashdot Yaakov in Galilee and in Givat Ha'ahlosha in Judea; and they can no longer dwell together in the other mixed Kibbutzim. Mapai will not live and share with comrades of yesterday, in whose eyes they have become "people bereft of human conscience and who have lost their social compass." They will not leave the training of their children to teachers who hold this view. Mapam, outnumbering the Mapai two to one (the final vote was 132 to 67) will make no concession in so sensitive a region as the education of the young.

The differences are crucial, and they are a reflection of the state of mind of those who, until a few years ago, were part (as an insurgent splinter) of Mapai and who have since associated with and fallen under the domination of the Shomer Hatzair element in Mapam. The ascendancy of the Shomer Hatzair in Mapam is the ascendancy of the Cominform line. Much sympathy will be felt for the Mapai who saw no alternative to the dilemma except in the proposal to live apart under the same roof when it had become clear there was no living together. The authoritarian urgings of the Mapam majority for the conscientious objectors of the Mapai objectly to accommodate themselves to their fate as a minority was not a choice they could be expected to entertain.

The die has been cast; the Kibbutz Hameuhad is, after the conference at Na'an, another Mapam union, like that citadel of the "National Kibbutz" composed exclusively of Shomer Hatzair settlements. Mapai has weathered many storms, and may be trusted to breast this latest one, however bitter it may be. It is at any rate a less dangerous course than the drift away from Socialist Zionism into the sea of foreign ideologies.

DOWN FOR UPLIFT

WE are familiar enough with the breath-taking exploits of those who are driven by ambition to achieve height, whether by balloon, like Mr. Piccard, or by Himalaya, like Smythe. Arrival at the top of things is calculated to make anybody feel like a dictator. "I will look unto the hills, from whence cometh my help" has been adopted by psychologists, who advise timid patients lacking self-confidence to go on climbing holidays. But it takes civilized Frenchmen, with their Spéleo-Club de Paris, to discover the converse, spiritual elevation from descent into the bowels of the earth.

Speleology, the exploration of caves and pot-holes, has its triumphs and tragedies, its mystique and championships, like any other activity. Surely our land, fecund of rock depths and chasms, could support a flourishing centre of speleology?

Japan's Poverty And Pawnshops

By Robert P. Martin

TOKYO (ONA). — IN Tokyo and other large cities, the department stores are stuffed with goods and customers. Hawkers do a thriving business from their portable stands; the pedicab, or bicycle taxi, has more or less disappeared from the streets, and has been replaced by motorized tricycles and taxicabs; restaurants are crowded and cabarets full to overflowing six nights a week. More people are riding trains than ever before, and hotel rooms at the hot-spring resorts must be booked weeks in advance.

But behind the outward evidence of prosperity and rising standards of living throughout Japan there is a tremendous mass of evidence that poverty and despair still dominate the lives of millions of Japanese. Family suicides continue at a high level; violent crime is on the increase; there is considerable traffic in child slavery.

Suicide Incidence

Japan has always had a high incidence of suicides, ranging from "hare-kiri" as a stylized form of protest or expiation to the "lovers' leap" of couples who for social or other reasons could not marry. But in the 12-month period ending in March 1951, 22,800 Japanese attempted suicide (18,300 were successful), an increase of 18 per cent over the previous year.

Only 600 of those attempting suicide did so because of "disappointment in love." Suicides because of business failures tripled in 1950 compared to the number in 1947. About 20 per cent killed themselves because of economic hardship and another 20 per cent because of ill health. According to the National Rural Police, hanging is still the favourite method because it is "quicker, easier and cheaper."

Japan's slave-trade is by no means as large as it was before the surrender. But in the first half of 1950, 127 "brokers" were arrested and charged with engaging in human traffic. They purchased young boys and girls from poverty-stricken families, primarily in the rural areas, and then sold them in the larger cities.

The girls were sold into bondage as cafe waitresses, house maids and shakufu (sake-serving women). Most of them ended up as prostitutes. Young boys became factory or farm hands.

Most of the children came from exceptionally poor families, although many were orphans, sold by their relatives. Fathers who sold their children were day labourers, farm hands, unemployed workers or miners. They received from 3,000 to 10,000 yen ($8 to nearly $30) from the brokers. The youngsters were forced to work from one to two, and sometimes up to ten years, under the terms of their contract. Few of the children received any wages.

Perhaps the most pitiful example of Japan's ever-present distress are the "men in white" riding passenger trains, standing at street corners or outside shrines and hot-spring resorts, begging alms from the passersby. They are Japan's war-wounded, unable to support themselves on their meagre government grants and, because of physical disability, barred from normal jobs.

Pawnshops Expand

Japan has about 240,000 ex-servicemen eligible for aid. About 10,000 are in the 120 national sanatoriums and another 2,000 in the 90 national hospitals. They are hospitalized free of charge, but their grants from the state are less than half the minimum needed for food alone.

The breadth of Japan's poverty, however, is shown in the massive growth of pawnshops. Private pawnshops totalled 12,500 in 1948, and 16,600 at the end of 1950. The Government has 50 "welfare pawnshops" which charge only 3 per cent interest a month compared to 10 per cent charged by private shops. Because of their popularity, the Government will open 33 new pawnshops this year. The government shops also lend to any salaried person on the strength of his monthly earnings without requiring him to put up collateral.

'New Friendship' For German Jews

By Purnival Tooke

WHILE Israel categorically refuses to have any relations with Germany, and Jews in the West are free to decide their attitude, the Jewish communities in Eastern Europe are, to their dismay and, no doubt, bitter disgust, forced to follow the official line of treating Germans not only as Party comrades but as friends.

Ever since Stalin declared his friendship for the East German Republic, all Russia's neighbours have had to adopt the same policy. In Rumania, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and Poland the controlled press has, for some time, been conducting a lively campaign to convince the people that while they must regard all Germans under Dr. Adenauer as "enemies" they must treat the Germans in the East German Republic, under Wilhelm Pieck, as "friends." As in all other matters the feelings of the Jews are disregarded, and they, too, are called upon to join in the various expressions, whether official or otherwise, of the "new friendship" towards the Germans.

Nowhere is this new policy being thrust upon the Jews more shamelessly and with greater force than in Poland. Whether members of the Communist Party or not, the Jews of Warsaw or Lodz must now "celebrate" the friendship with Germany, and the Jewish press — even that published in Yiddish — must show the same enthusiasm for the Germans as the official Communist Party organs. (J.C.F.S.)

NEW PARTY'S GAINS IN SAXONY

West Germany's Neo-Nazis

By Cyril Dunn

HANOVER. — WHEN the new State Parliament for Lower Saxony meets here at the end of May, it will contain the first sizeable neo-Nazi Party to get into democratic government in the West German Federal Republic. The Socialist Reich Party, led by Remer, who suppressed the revolt against Hitler in 1944, has sixteen out of 158 seats — no mean share of a House wherein no party has a working majority.

Only four of the S.R.P.'s 95 candidates were directly elected; the others were thrown up by the system of proportional representation which is here combined with direct election. But 367,000 people, or eleven per cent of those who voted, came out for a Party which openly derides the democratic experiment now proceeding in Western Germany.

Reminders of Hitler

I went to one of Remer's meetings in Brunswick and found it disturbing simply because it seemed so normal. For some time before the election, the S.R.P. was threatened (ineffectually, as things turned out) with banishment from orthodox politics. With an astuteness which suggests more political maturity than seems to be contained in the published list of leaders, the party quietly dropped its jackboots and fanfares and began overnight to conduct itself on lines admirably copied from democratic usage.

The audience in Brunswick was a fair sample of the citizenry, rather than a gathering of the embittered and dispossessed to whom Remer, or any other extremist, might be expected to appeal. The people listened to Remer's oratory, and to a preceding speaker who mispronounced German just as Hitler did, with fascinated interest. It was as if they were waiting to be caught up by the old magic of the crowded Stadium, the ranks and banners, the old proud certainty... One sensed that they were there, not to recover their national self-esteem, but to be told they had never really lost it.

Who has brought the S.R.P. to this minor triumph? There are, of course, the known leaders — Remer, the young Militarist; Dorls, the cynical Opportunist, and Von Westarp, the Mystic. These have drawn into the party the incorrigible Nazis who in 1945 "retired" to the pastoral obscurity of Lower Saxony, to Lueneburg and the Harz Mountains. They have been joined by men released from internment camps, where they were allowed to keep the old Party spirit alive and the old Party relationships in being, while Germans outside the wire were struggling to reconstruct their country, most of them materially, but a few of them spiritually. The old boys' association from the internment camps is able to attack democracy with a vigour unimpaired by doubt, because they know very little, and care less, about German efforts to find a new way of life. And they have won over those ordinary Germans who have not tried to understand the unfamiliar, abstract idealism of democracy.

Inverted Neutralism

But one may suspect that the motive forces behind the S.R.P. and similar groups are less obvious than they seem. There is something to be said for considering the neo-Nazi movement in geographical terms. One of its points of origin is the salient Lower Saxony makes into the Russian Zone. There is an abiding conviction here that the neo-Nazis are financed from the East, if not by the Communists, perhaps by East Germans whose interest in the profits to be won from interzonal trade is greater than their ideology. It is significant that when some unknown hand tried on the eve of the Lower Saxony poll to stage a split in the S.R.P., by producing five S.R.P. members willing to renounce their allegiance at a Press conference, their theme was that the S.R.P. brand of totalitarian belief was not Nazi but Russian.

Lately it has been plain for all to see that West German Communists have been curiously inactive. In fact, the S.R.P. and adjacent splinters are playing the Communist game so well, whether they intend to or not, that there is no need for more direct intervention from the East. The S.R.P. although blatantly military, preaches a kind of inverted neutralism, by saying either that Germany should be strong enough to stand alone, or at least that it should dominate the defence of the West. This idea is far more effective in its impact upon the German people than more rational forms of opposition to German rearmament, because it couples the German belief in their own military importance with the comforting assurance that it commits them to nothing practical.

Deciding West

S.R.P. propaganda, deriding Western democracy in terms with which the Germans are familiar, is exactly what is needed to keep Western Germany in its post-war state of uneasy instability. Nothing could be more gratifying to all the forces east of the Elbe.

By winning a "respectable" status in Lower Saxony, the S.R.P. may become a rallying point for reaction in Western Germany. It may be, on the other hand, that its days are numbered as an orthodox political force. As soon as the Federal Government sets up a constitutional court, a decision about the S.R.P. will have to be taken. Meanwhile, it is comforting to dwell on what Remer and his backers have failed to do.

Operating in the Border States, they hoped to capture the main body of East German refugees who live hereabouts such sad and limited lives. But the refugees with enough spirit to be interested in politics have stuck to their own party, the B.H.E. (Refugee Party) and so at one blow have denied to the S.R.P. some of the backing on which it counted and the chance to dominate the policies of the Lower Saxony Parliament.

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Readers' Letters

PARTITIONED SERVICE

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — Our bus cooperatives have partitioned Israel among themselves. For instance, at "Egged" in Jerusalem, it is impossible to obtain information about bus connections of Drom Yehuda. I intended to spend a week-end in the Negev and had to write to a friend in Tel Aviv for information concerning the bus to a particular kibbutz.

It is necessary to travel via Tel Aviv instead of directly to Masmieh because there is no certainty whether you can get a seat on the bus from Tel Aviv which passes through Masmieh *en route* to the Negev. Aren't Jerusalemites entitled to as good connections to the Negev settlements as Tel Avivians? A direct bus line from Jerusalem to Beersheba through the Faluja Road is badly needed.

Yours, etc.,
CARL STEINWEG

Parents' Home, Kiryat Moshe.
May 12.

30,000 QUEUE FOR ICE

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — With summer approaching, and a number of Khamsin days already behind us, it is high time something were done to improve the appalling ice-distribution system in the German Colony.

This section of Jerusalem seems to have been singled out for the unheard-of arrangement whereby 30,000 people are serviced by one solitary station! Day after day we are obliged to stand in line for hours on end in order to receive our small chunk of ice — and sometimes there is none left by the time our turn comes.

The little that we get on our rations is spoiled, simply because we do not have the ice necessary to keep the food fresh.

The summer will be hard enough on us without this added hardship. Let's have more ice distributing stations in the German Colony!

Yours, etc.,
JACOB ZUTAN

PENCIL PROFITS

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — At a number of shops in Jerusalem, pencils on which the U.S. retail price is clearly marked as 5 cents, are being sold at 150 pruta each. At the official rate this means 750 per cent profit, at the "dollar a pound" rate only 200 per cent extra which is still high.

Does price control still exist? If it exists, let it put an end to this and dozens of similar cases.

Yours etc.
E. RAPAPORT
Meonot Ovdim B
H. Jerusalem, May 18.

HAIFA ART NOTES

Exhibition of Seascapes

ONE'S immediate impression of the exhibition of seascapes, organized by the Artists' Association in conjunction with the Maritime League, at the Sailors' Home in Haifa, is that the Israel artist still prefers dry land. Indeed of the 36 painters exhibiting, only two react to the essence of the sea, Wolff (No.23) who makes a valiant attempt to build a rhythm on the lines of breakers, and Shiffer (No. 51), who centres her picture on the reflection of light on water. The remainder, whatever the subject selected, use it simply as the vehicle of their own particular style. This applies to Lamm, Colm-Byalla, Raayoni and Meyerovitz (No.33 of the last named, "On the Deck," abstracts the basic forms of masts and spars against a blue background).

A large section of the exhibitors has interpreted marine landscape by a visit to the port of Haifa. Itzkovitz's pictures (Nos. 3 and 4) of ships loading, express the decorative; Berlin Joel seizes upon the triangle created by a ship stern within the harbour. Wittman (Nos. 21 and 22), undoubtedly tends towards illustration. Nasati (No.36) in his turn notes the composition afforded by the lines of breakwater and quays seen from Carmel; and a similar idea is expressed by Hermoni whose "In Tel Aviv Port" (No 25), also seizes the compositional element in focusing the painting on the jetty seen in perspective as a triangle. Kook (No.42), has taken his subject from the fleet of immigrant ships. Another group of artists has, strangely enough, run off to Tiberias, among them a newcomer, Grunberg, who (in Nos. 14 and 15), reveals a pensive harmony in his countryside, but one must reserve final judgment until there is more of his work to see. Grossbard has been satisfied with a distant view of the sea glimpsed through the trees and cottages of Athlit (No.12), an expression of spontaneity constructed in planes. Avineli (Nos. 1 and 2), gets movement at Nathanya by throwing his emphasis, both of form and shade, to the side but finds more peaceful harmony at Kinneret.

A few artists outside the above group deserve mention. Firstly Friedlander, for her "Fish" (No.40), a study in green varied in tone by the light and a change from her usual style. Rosenfeld's "Seagulls" (No.46), like Meyerovitz, reduces this material to an abstract study of white on blue. Slonim's "River Seine" (No.39), draws one by its central line of river and the gradation of shade in both back and foregrounds but it echoes the work which she must have seen in the Paris galleries. Bazar (Nos.7 and 8) imparts freshness to the "Yarkon."

This exhibition which also includes Magalnik, Beck, Gat, Halevi, Halperin, Hess, Woskovoinik, Lipschitz, Livay, Meisels, Zilla Neuman, Yehuda Neuman, Rubinstein, Rubins and Schlesinger, is a very mixed bag of varying quality. Even more than the average collective exhibition, it suffers from lack of homogeneity and of defined schools of painting because, despite the exhibition's name, it also lacks unity of theme.

JERUSALEM ART NOTES

Bezalel's New Treasures

THERE is a veritable hoard of gold among the "New Bezalel Acquisitions" now on show — the works of Israel Rouchamovsky, that humble metal worker of Odessa who made the "Tiara of Saitapharnes" without any evil intent, to become one of the famous forgers in the history of art, a forerunner of Dossena and Van Megeren, and later on the most fashionable goldsmith of *Fin de Siecle* Paris. There is a minute model of the notorious Tiara in the Bezalel collection, which gives the impression of a delicate French Empire work and could deceive nobody today. Still, what makes successful old forgeries so extremely interesting, is the fact that they represent the idea one bygone era had about another. Later, independent works by Rouchamovsky are a tiny Torah "shrine' with an almost microscopic Pointer, an architectonic goldframe with brilliantly executed incrustations and enamel work and a delicious hanging oil lamp, fit for the bed room of a Lilliputan Queen. The style of this bric-a-brac may be dated, but the perfection of the goldsmith's work has remained unsurpassed.

Of equal perfection, but of a beauty which has withstood time, is a collection of old synagogual art from Italy, gorgeous hangings and Torah Crowns. The loveliest object is, however, a Menorah with an olive tree, the oil of which, alluding to a saying of Zaccariah, flows from its branches to the lamps.

The splendour of gold and silver, of old embroideries and semi-precious stones in this exhibition may easily detract the layman's interest from important works of pure art. Still, he will appreciate the aristocratic beauty of the two "Heads" by Despiau and enjoy the wealth of newly acquired drawings by Maillol, Rodin and Despiau, by Degas, Vlaminck and Pissarro.

Amongst the newly acquired pictures are a fine landscape and a charming pastel by Liebermann, a superb water colour by Signac and important early works by Sisley and Derain. "Venice" by Felix Ziem is an enchanting picture in Monticelli's manner, an oil sketch and a new drawing by Delacroix are important acquisitions. If I should be allowed to choose something from all these new riches, I would select the folder of new Matisse prints, dedicated by the artist to the Bezalel Museum. They are a true joy to behold. *Th. F. M.*

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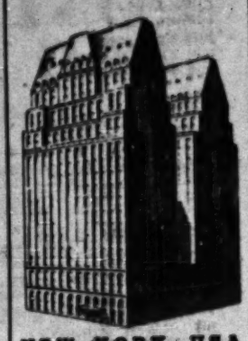
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